

ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE

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SUBJ/U.S. CITIZENSHIP APPLICATIONS//

RMKS/1. FEDERAL LAW EXTENDS NATURALIZATION BENEFITS TO LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS WHO HAVE SERVED HONORABLY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS. RESIDENT ALIENS SERVING IN THE RESERVES ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE.

2. AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE (INS) EXISTS TO EXPEDITE THE ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING OF SERVICEMEMBERS' CITIZENSHIP APPLICATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY IN PREPARING AND SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS. THIS ASSISTANCE RESULTS IN A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF THE TIME REQUIRED TO PROCESS CITIZENSHIP REQUESTS.

3. COMMANDING OFFICERS SHOULD ENSURE PERSONNEL MANAGERS ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE "U.S. NAVY GUIDE TO NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS BASED UPON QUALIFYING MILITARY SERVICE" AVAILABLE AT WWW.JAG.NAVY.MIL, CLICK ON LEGAL ASSISTANCE, THEN IMMIGRATION OR WWW.BUPERS.NAVY.MIL/PERS33/NATUR.HTM. BRIEF ALL FOREIGN-BORN SAILORS IN YOUR COMMAND ON THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES FOR CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION.

4. ADVISE SAILORS WITH OVERSEAS ORDERS OF THE ADVANTAGES OF APPLYING FOR EXPEDITIOUS NATURALIZATION FOR A LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT SPOUSE. A SPOUSE MARRIED TO A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, WHETHER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN, WHO IS ASSIGNED OVERSEAS MAY QUALIFY FOR EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF A NATURALIZATION APPLICATION. LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS IS REQUIRED, BUT ALL RESIDENCY AND PHYSICAL PRESENCE REQUIREMENTS ARE WAIVED. THE OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT MUST BE ONE YEAR OR MORE AFTER THE OATH OF NATURALIZATION.

5. CONTACT THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL (CODE 16) FOR QUESTIONS AT (202) 685-4643/DSN 325 OR LEGALASSISTANCE@JAG.NAVY.MIL.

6. RELEASED BY VADM NORB RYAN, JR., N1.//

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